

November 14, 2016

EPA
Freedom of Information Officer
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Via Email Only
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Re: FOIA Request – Freeman, Washington Grain Handling Facility

Dear Sir and/or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act as amended (5 U.S.C. § 552), we are hereby requesting information from the Environmental Protection Agency. Specifically, we are requesting a copy of the following documents:

- (1) The PLP enforcement documentation related to the contamination of domestic wells near the Freeman, Washington grain handling facility, which show unsafe levels of carbon tetrachloride. The PLPs are the Union Pacific Railroad and Cenex Harvest States Inc.
- (2) Any and all file materials reflecting water testing and/or water contamination issues at the following address: 15809 E. Prospect Avenue, Rockford, Washington 99030.
- (3) Any and all information related to the EPA's placement of Freeman, Washington's grain-handling facility on the National Priorities List, commonly referred to as the Superfund list.
- (4) Any and all information related to administration of and site cleanup action at the Freeman, Washington grain-handling facility.
- (5) Any and all studies related to the extent of the contamination and eventual cleanup actions in this area.

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If you require, please provide an estimate for cost/time to gather responsive documents as well as an estimate for cost/time to gather any email or other written correspondence between the parties. As you know, the amended Act provides that if some parts of a file are exempt from release, the "reasonably segregable" portions shall be provided. I therefore request that if you determine that some portions of the requested documents are exempt, you provide me with the remainder of the request. I, of course, reserve my right to appeal any such decisions.

If you determine that some or all of the documents are exempt from release, I would appreciate your advising me as to which exemption(s) you believe covers the materials which you are not releasing.

I am prepared to pay reasonable costs for locating the requested material and reproducing it. As you know, the amended Act permits you to reduce and waive the fees, if it "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public." I believe this request plainly fits that category and ask you to waive any fees.

The documents may be voluminous. Consequently, it would be more cost effective for me to review the documents prior to identifying any documents I wish to copy. Therefore, I will schedule a time to review all responsive documents following your response to this request.

As provided for in the amended Act, I will expect to receive a reply within twenty (20) working days.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me at the above number.

Very truly yours,

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